

Daily Communications Report: EPA

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Upcoming Friday, 1/19:

Administrator: Radio interview with Michael Savage, 2pm hit.

Inquiries

Agence France-Presse (Kerry Sheridan); Argus Media (Chris Knight); The Hill

(Timothy Cama); International Business Times (Josh Keefe); Politico (Alex Guillen); S&P Global Market Intelligence (Molly Christian); S&P Global Platts (Meghan Gordon); InsideEPA (Doug Obey) - Impact of the potential shutdown on the EPA.

Akron Beacon Journal (Doug Livingston) - Federally-mandated emission checks.

American Coal Magazine (Terry Headley) - Editorial opportunity on grid reliability.

AP (Michael Biesecker) - Barry Breen's testimony on Albert Kelly and the FDIC.

AP (Michael Biesecker); CQ Roll Call (Jackie Toth); Politico (Anthony Adragna) - Albert Kelly's scheduling conflict with the House E&C environment panel.

Bloomberg (Eric Roston) - Lean initiative.

BNA (Jennifer Lu); Law 360 (Keith Goldberg) - CAA suit in New York.

BNA (Abby Smith); The Hill (Timothy Cama) - Interview request for Administrator Pruitt.

Buzzfeed News (Peter Aldhous) - EPA science resources and priorities.

CIO Dive (Samantha Schwarz) - IT and cybersecurity during a shutdown.

Cleveland.com (Eric Heisig) - Impaired waterways in Ohio.

Des Moines Register (Kim Norvell) - Dico superfund site in Iowa.

The Durango Herald (Jonathan Herald) - Reimbursements associated with the Gold King Mine spill.

The Environmental Monitor (Karla Lant) - Hurricane Maria update.

E&E News (Mike Soraghan) - Lawsuit to release Tar Creek audit.

E&E News (Ariel Wittenberg) - Lake Erie and the Ohio list of impaired waters.

The Hill (Miranda Green) - Toyota's partnership prospects with the EPA.

Medill News Service (Ben Trachtenberg); The Washington Post (Chris Mooney) - NASA and NOAA climate trends report.

Mother Jones (Megan Julia) - Changes to EPA advisory committees.

NBC TODAY Show (Hayden Field) - Interview request to discuss "going green" for kids.

Politico (Emily Holden) - Administrator Pruitt's Japan trip.

Politico (Annie Snider) - Ohio 303d list.

Science Magazine (Jeffrey Brainard); E&E News (Sean Reilly) - Report on EPA scientific advisory committees.

The Sunlight Foundation (Briana Willia) - Open government and FOIA.

Times Free Press (Mark Pace) - EPA budget and superfund sites.

Waste Dive (Cody Boteler) - Superfund protocol during government shutdowns.

WTVC-Chattanooga (Katherine Marchand) - Effect of budget cuts on Southside Chattanooga Lead Site.

ABC News Washington (Stephanie Ebbs) – Shaffer Equipment Site.

Beckley Register-Herald (Jessica Farrish) – Fayette County sites.

News Item (Stephanie Bettick) – Kulpmont mill samples.

Philadelphia Inquirer (Frank Kummer) – Further updates on Superfund sites.

Freelance journalist (NC) (Sammy Hanf) – Follow-up questions related to the cleanup for the Ore Knob Mine Site in Ashe County North Carolina.

National Geographic Explorer (Eneida I. DelValle)– The reporter’s currently working on a story about the Arrowhead landfill in Uniontown, AL and we wanted to speak to someone at the EPA about it. She’s interested in getting commentary from the EPA for her show.

Huff Post (Aja Harris) - Producing a story about the Orlando Gasification Plant Superfund site and has questions concerning the potentially responsible parties.

90.7 WMFE NPR Radio in Orlando (Fla.) (Amy Green) - Questions concerning the Sanford Dry Cleaners site.

First Coast News (Fla.) (Anne Schindler) –Kerr-McGee Chemical Corp – Jacksonville site in Jacksonville, Florida the cleanup was unfinished and continuing to leak pesticides into the St. Johns River.

Top Stories

Wall Street Journal: Scott Pruitt Aims to Accelerate His Efforts to Remake the EPA

CBS: Scott Pruitt Says Industry is Necessary Partner for Environmental Protection

Houston Chronicle: In Bid to Speed Up EPA, Pruitt Takes on Entrenched Air Pollution System

Denver Post: Superfund Site Near Vail Lands on EPA’s List of Cleanup Areas with Big Redevelopment and Commercial Potential

Washington Examiner: The ‘A’ in ‘EPA’ is for ‘Action,’ Pruitt Says

Top Issues and Accomplishments

EPA, N.C. DEQ and Multistate Trust to Hold Public Meeting about Kerr-McGee Chemical Corp Site in Navassa, N.C., on Jan. 23

Actualización de la EPA sobre el Huracán Maria correspondiente al 18 de enero de 2018:

Virginia receives \$1.175 Million EPA Grant for Environmental Projects, Priorities

EPA Hurricane Maria Update for January 18, 2018: Hazardous Household Materials Collection Program
Underway on Vieques